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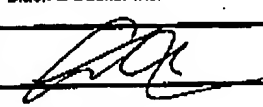
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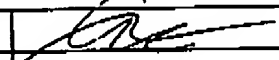
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Printed Name	Adan Ayala, Esq.		
Date	July 12, 2005	Reg. No.	36,373

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 130

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Application Number 10768,727

Filing Date January 29, 2004

First Named Inventor Kevan E. Miller et al.

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CENTRAL FAX CENTER**JUL 12 2005****METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 02-2548

Deposit Account Name: Black & Dacker (U.S.) Inc.

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	—
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	—
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	—
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	—
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	—

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
— -20 or HP=	x	=	—

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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Application No. 10/768,727

Terminal Disclaimer Submission

UTILITY PATENT

B&D No. TN1697A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Keven E. MILLER et al.**

Serial No.: 10/768,727

Examiner: **B. Nash**

Filed: **January 29, 2004**

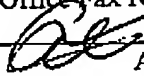
Group Art Unit: **3721**

For: **CONTACT TRIP ASSEMBLY FOR FASTENING TOOL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Adan Ayala

Dear Sir:

Applicants extend their sincere thanks to the Examiner for contacting Applicants' attorney on July 12, 2005 via telephone.

During such conversation, the Examiner mentioned that, in view of the amendment made to Claim 8, Claims 8-9 were allowable, but still rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-7 of US Patent No. 6,705,501. However, such rejection would be overcome with the filing of a terminal disclaimer.

Applicants' attorney promised to promptly file such terminal disclaimer, which is filed herewith.

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Application No. 10/768,727

Terminal Disclaimer Submission

UTILITY PATENT

B&D No. TN1697A

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the disclaimer fee (\$120.00), as well as any other fees due in processing this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

In view of the foregoing, Claims 8-9 are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A "PRIOR" PATENT

Docket Number (Optional)
TN-1697A

In re Application of: Keven E. Miller et al.

Application No. 10/768,727

Filed: January 29, 2004

For: Contact Trip Assembly for Fastening Tool

The owner, Black & Decker Inc., of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term prior patent No. 8,705,501 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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- is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction;
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July 12, 2005

Date

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